take up the Sriram Sagar high level canal to meet irrigation needs of Karimnagar and Nalgonda districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken proposed for the execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The feasibility report envisaging withdrawal of surplus (flood) flows from Sirramsagar Reservoir available during the good years and storing the same into three balancing reservoirs to irrigation 89,000 hectares of upland areas in Karim Nagar, Warangal and Nalgonda Districts of Andhra Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 656.30 crores was received in the Central Water Commission in 1986. On examination, it was found that the project was not attractive from investment angle in view of high capital and operating cost and also in view of the substantial submersion involved in the balancing reservoirs. The State Government was accordingly informed in June, 1987. The State Government is engaged in preparation of alternative proposals.

[*Translation*]

Approval of Power Projects

6102. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power project approved in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether priority has been given to the project of Bihar while approving the above projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) 50 Power Projects have been approved by the Central Electricity Authority during the last 3 years, viz 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(b) and (c). Scheme for development of power in the country are approved on the basis of their techno-economic viability depending ... on the availability of resources and other essential inputs.

[*English*]

Bakreshwar Project

6103. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bakeshwar thermal power project in West Bengal has been delinked from the Soviet aid and has been passed to the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund (OECF) of Japan for a Yen loan;

(b) if so, the whether the OECF officials have examined this proposal; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The OECF is currently evaluating the project.

Telecast of Malayalam Feature Films

6104. SHRI P. C. THOMAS:
SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Malayalam feature films telecast in the National Network during 1991-92;

(b) whether the number to Malayalam films telecast is comparatively low as compared to other regional language films;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to telecast more Malayalam films in the National Network in the coming months;